

DODGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 7, 2021 4:00 P.M.

FIRST FLOOR – ROOMS H & I AUDITORIUM

DODGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JUNEAU, WI 53039

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Dodge County Executive Committee Chairman, Russell Kottke.

Members present: Frohling, Hilbert, Kottke, Marsik, Schaefer, J. Schmitt, and Sheahan-Malloy.

Member(s) absent: None.

Others present: Dodge County Administrator Jim Mielke; Deputy County Clerk Christine M. Kjornes; Corporation Counsel Kimberly Nass; Dodge County Clerk Karen Gibson; Emergency Management Director Amy Nehls; Information Technology Director Justin Reynolds; Dodge County Sheriff Dale Schmidt; Land Resources and Parks Director Bill Ehlenbeck; Planning and Economic Development Administrator Nate Olson; MSA Professional Services Community Development Specialist Art Bahr; Jefferson County Administrator Ben Wehmeier; ThriveED Executive Director Vicki Pratt; ThriveED Managing Director of Business Development Deb Reinbold; County Board Supervisor Ed Benter; County Board Supervisor Jeff Berres; County Board Supervisor Jeffrey Caine; County Board Supervisor David Guckenberger; Citizen Member Dan Siegmann; Watertown Daily Times Reporter Ed Zagorski; WBEV Reporter Kevin Haugen; and Daily Citizen Reporter Ken Thomas.

The following Non-Committee Member County Board Supervisor requested payment for attending the meeting: Jeff Berres.

There was no Public Comment.

Motion by Schaefer, seconded by Marsik to approve the December 7, 2020 and December 16, 2020 minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

There was no discussion on the Resolutions from other Counties.

Jefferson County Administrator Ben Wehmeier appeared before the Committee, and he introduced ThriveED Managing Director of Business Development Deb Reinbold. Ms. Reinbold provided a power point presentation regarding ThriveED 2020 activities, and she reviewed the 2021 Plan of Work. County Administrator Jim Mielke commented that information was included in the packet materials, and a ThriveED update will be provided quarterly to the Executive Committee, with the next update being April of 2021. Supervisor J. Schmitt voiced his concerns with the Termination Clause of the ThriveED contract, and the ThriveED contract not being followed. ThriveED Executive Director Vicki Pratt commented that ThriveED assisted businesses with filling out PPP loan applications. Mr. Mielke encouraged the Committee members to view the ThriveED website. ThriveED updates will be an item on future Executive Committee meeting agendas.

Dodge County Sheriff Dale Schmidt provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the S.W.A.T. Commander attendance at the S.W.A.T. Command Decision-Making and Leadership Training, to be held on August 30-September 3, 2021, in Colorado Springs, CO. Sheriff Schmidt reported that the Commander needs the training, there are no in-state Commander training courses, and details on the out-of-state request are included in the packet materials. Sheriff Schmidt further reported that the expenditure is included in the 2021 Sheriff Office Budget. Supervisor Sheahan-Malloy voiced her concerns with the out-of-state travel, noting that there is similar training available in Naperville, Illinois. Motion by Marsik, seconded by Schaefer to allow the S.W.A.T. Commander to attend the

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Command Decision-Making and Leadership Training, to be held on August 30-September 3, 2021, in Colorado Springs, CO. Supervisor Frohling encouraged carpooling, rather than a rental car. Supervisor Guckenberger voiced his concerns that the out-of-state travel request was not presented to the Judicial and Public Protection Committee, and if training is needed, a closer location should be determined. Motion carried 5-2. J. Schmitt and Sheahan-Malloy opposed.

Dodge County Clerk Karen Gibson reviewed the document entitled *Proposed agenda items for January 19, 2021 CB Meeting*, that was included in the packet materials.

Mr. Mielke provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the Routes to Recovery Program. Mr. Mielke reported that the Routes to Recovery Program has been closed. Mr. Mielke further reported that the drinking fountains project has been prepaid, but the fountains were not received by the December 31, 2020 deadline for project to be completed. The expected delivery of the drinking fountains is early February 2021. Mr. Mielke further reported that the project has been approved as an eligible expense by the Wisconsin Department of Administration because Dodge County made the effort to complete the project by the deadline.

There was no discussion on the Report on County Official's Bonds. Motion by Frohling, seconded by Marsik to approve and forward to the County Board for consideration at its January 19, 2021 meeting, a Report regarding County Official's Bonds. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Amy Nehls reported to the Committee that the Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC), which was scheduled to be held at the FEMA Emergency Management Institute, in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on April 12-15, 2021, will not take place until the year 2022 or 2023.

Corporation Counsel Kimberly Nass reported the status of contracts completed by the Corporation Counsel office.

Chairman Kottke reported to the Committee that he signed the Resolution to Rescind Certain Prior Action and Authorize Alternative Use of Community Development Block Grant Funds Available Through the CDBG-Close (Termination) of the Dodge County Revolving Loan Program so the Resolution could be included in the County Board packet materials for the January 7, 2021 meeting. There was no Committee discussion. Motion by J. Schmitt, seconded by Hilbert to approve the Resolution Rescinding Certain Prior Actions of Resolution 20-45 relating to the elevator replacement at the Henry Dodge Office Building, and Authorizing the Allocation of all CDBG Closeout Grant Funds to Dodge County Communities with existing grant eligible projects, and forward the Resolution to the County Board for consideration at the January 7, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Ms. Nass provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the draft Resolution to Terminate Emergency Declaration (Public health – COVID-19). Ms. Nass reported that a request for a Resolution to Terminate the Emergency Declaration was made at the December 7, 2020 meeting, and the draft she prepared includes blanks for dates to be inserted. Information Technology Director Justin Reynolds provided an overview of potential options for voting remotely. Mr. Reynolds reported that the voting and audio systems upgrade in the County Board Room has been completed. Ms. Gibson provided an overview of the updates made to the County Board Room microphones. Chairman Kottke

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commented that the Termination of the Emergency Declaration will be an item on the February 2021 Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ms. Nehls provided a copy of a survey that she did of surrounding counties regarding their status of Local Declaration of Emergency. Ms. Nehls reported that she surveyed twenty-two (22) counties, and eighteen (18) replied. Ms. Nehls further reported that Dodge County is still requesting emergency assistance and supplies.

Planning and Economic Administrator Nate Olson provided an oral report to the Committee regarding the Status of Broadband Grant Projects. Mr. Olson reported that construction on tower sites has begun, towers have been delivered, an antennae has been installed on the Village of Randolph water tower, and the 2021 PSC grant application has been submitted.

Supervisor Marsik provided an oral report to the Committee regarding County Board Size Study Committee. Supervisor Marsik reported that the surveys provided to the County Board of Supervisors were reviewed by the Committee, ten (10) County Board Supervisors did not respond, and two-thirds (2/3) of respondents want to keep the County Board at thirty-three (33) members. Supervisor Marsik further reported Supervisor Maly would provide a written summary of the Committee's decision to the County Board.

Ms. Nass provided an oral report to the Committee regarding County Board Strategic Planning. Ms. Nass reported that at the December 7, 2020 Executive Committee meeting, she provided a list of information needed to move forward with the Request for Proposals (RFP) for County Board Strategic Planning. Ms. Nass further reported that the Committee will need to determine a timeline, choose a facilitator and a selection team for reviewing the RFP's. After Committee discussion, it was a consensus of the Committee to proceed with the County Board Strategic Planning. Ms. Nass will prepare and present a potential final draft of the RFP at the February 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

There was no discussion on Wisconsin Counties Association meetings.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on February 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in the Auditorium, located on the First Floor, of the Administration Building.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. by the order of the Chairman.



Daniel Hilbert, Secretary

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